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GO SERV “SPOTLIGHT” SHINES ON LOS ANGELES AMERICORPS MEMBER

SACRAMENTO - The Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) shines a spotlight on Callie Patton, an AmeriCorps member from UCLA BruinCorps, America Reads.

Callie has been with UCLA BruinCorps for 2 years and in that time, she has helped children improve their academic achievement by providing them with intensive small-group mentoring and tutoring services.

One of Callie’s service projects involved having children attach personal notes of inspiration and hope to donated food, which they then distributed at a homeless shelter. And to ensure that academics are integrally connected to service projects, Callie also educated the participating children on the issues of hunger and homelessness.

“I’m proud to announce Callie Patton as our current Spotlight recipient. Her service through UCLA BruinCorps has provided many children with a better chance to succeed academically,” said Mr. Supple.

Through BruinCorps, AmeriCorps members have tutored and mentored 1,000 elementary and middle school students who score below the 25th percentile on the SAT 9 achievement test. Members communicate regularly with the children's families, encouraging a better academic environment in the home. Members also increase partnerships and the number of volunteers participating in service events within the community.

To find out more or to make a *Spotlight* nomination, please visit the GO SERV Web site at www.goserv.ca.gov.

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